

# Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference

## Western District of Texas

9.5 hours CLE applied for

October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

## Austin, Texas



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Join us October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003 in beautiful downtown Austin for the Fourth Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Bench Bar Conference. This year's conference takes place at the historic and recently renovated Stephen F. Austin Hotel which has served such patrons as Babe Ruth and Frank Sinatra. We are pleased to offer a variety of interesting topics and distinguished speakers in our program. Register early!

Perhaps this year we will have the opportunity to discuss legislative changes in the bankruptcy field. Perhaps not! We will certainly have a wealth of experiences to share from the past year, with fellow practitioners from around the District and beyond.

Austin, the capitol of Texas, is known for its casual and playful nature, and is thought to be the "Gateway to the Texas Hill Country". For more information, visit the Convention and Visitor Bureau's website at

[www.austintexas.org](http://www.austintexas.org).

### Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Judge Larry Kelly  
Debbie Langehennig

- 8:00 a.m. **Continental breakfast**  
*"Nice and Easy"*
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcoming Remarks**  
*"Come Fly with Me"*  
Chief Judge Larry E. Kelly
- 9:15 a.m. **Case Law Update**  
*"It Was a Very Good Year"*  
WDTX Judges Clark, Kelly, King and Monroe
- 10:15 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. **Client-Attorney Assistance Program**  
-State Bar of Texas (Ethics)  
*"Let's Face the Music and Dance"*  
Constance Miller, State Bar of Texas
- 11:30 a.m. **Lunch (Empirical Data- bankruptcy issues)**  
Speaker- Jay Westbrook, Austin
- 12:45 p.m. **Break**
- 1:00 p.m. **Trustee Panel (Chapter 7 and 13)**  
*"Nice Work If You Can Get It"*  
(Schedules, 341 Meetings, Debtor Education, Form Plans, Technology)  
Chapter 13 Trustees:  
Debbie Langehennig, Austin  
Al Olson, San Antonio  
Chapter 7 Trustees:  
Helen Schwartz, San Antonio  
Janet Casciato-Northrup, Midland/Odessa
- 2:00 p.m. **Break Out Session**
  - A. Personal Injury Settlements/Exemptions**  
*"All or Nothing at All"*  
Moderator - Judge Ronald King  
Panel- Judge Karen Brown, Houston  
Joe Martinec, Austin  
Jim Wilkins, San Antonio
  - B. DIP Financing and Cash Collateral**  
*"I've Got the World on a String"*  
Judge Frank Monroe, Judge Leif Clark, Jeff Bohm
- 3:15 p.m. **Break**
- 3:30 p.m. **The United States Trustee**  
*"Someone to Watch Over Me"*  
Richard Simmons, Houston

## Bench Bar Conference - WDTX

October 2-3, 2003

4:15 p.m. **Stay Relief Litigation** (burden of proof, evidence, pay history, defaults, attorney's fees, latest trends)

*"They Can't Take That Away from Me"*

*Blake Rasner (Waco), Bill Weaver (San Antonio),*

*Carlos Miranda (El Paso), John Montez (Waco)*

5:00 p.m. - **Cocktail Reception**

*"Strangers in the Night"*

*Entertainment provided by the Bar & Grill Singers*

### Friday, October 3

8:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

*"In the Wee Small Hours of the Morning"*

9:00 a.m. **Innovations and Projections for the Court**

*"Fly Me to the Moon"*

*Larry Bick/George Prentice*

10:00 a.m. **Judges' Panel**

*"My Way"*

*(Moderated by Michael Baumer, Austin)*

*Judges Kelly, Clark, King, and Monroe*

11:30 a.m. **Conclusion of Conference**

*"Softly as I Leave You"*

*Judge Larry E. Kelly*

Afternoon: **Golf- "Let's Get Away from It All"**

*arranged by Steve Turner and Jim Hoffman*

**Please send topic suggestions for the judges' panel. They would like to prepare responses on more substantive issues for this year's presentation.**

### Hotel Accommodations

**For room reservations, please contact:  
Intercontinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel**

**701 Congress Ave.**

**Austin, TX 78701**

**Phone: (512) 457-8800**

**Fax: (512) 457-8896**

**E-mail: [Austin@interconti.com](mailto:Austin@interconti.com)**



A special block of rooms has been reserved at the conference rate of \$159 a night. Please mention that you are with the Western District of Texas Bankruptcy Conference. The hotel will release all unused rooms on the cutoff date of September 10<sup>th</sup> 2003. You must make reservations by this date in order to get the special rate.

### Registration Form

The registration fee is \$200. Please make your check\* payable to: WDTX Bankruptcy Bar Association, and mail to Debbie Langehennig, Re: Bench Bar Conference, 3801 Capital of Texas Hwy South, Suite 320, Austin, TX 78704.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

### Topic Suggestions for Judges' Panel:

If you are interested in playing golf on Friday afternoon, call Jim Hoffman at (210) 227-7121 or Steve Turner at (512) 495-6109.

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